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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING WHEEL
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Office Action dated April 25, 2008, the following comments are presented.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the citation of additional art, which is listed on the PTO-892 form attached to the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully submit that they are not in agreement with the statement on page 2 which summarizes what Hattori (US 2005.0146423) teaches, but do agree that the claimed invention patentably defines over Hattori.

With respect to the primary reason stated for allowance of claims 6-8, which is because of "locating a plurality of sensors for the physical parameter which are fixed to the radius part," Applicant respectfully notes that claim 6 does not recite "a plurality of sensors," and submits that claim 6 is allowable because of the combination of features recited therein.

With respect to the primary reasons stated for allowance of claim 9, which is because of "using data on the physical parameter read from said at least one sensor to compute the formula to calculate the force," Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 does not recite any method steps, and submits that claim 9 is allowable because of the positively recited device features recited in that claim.

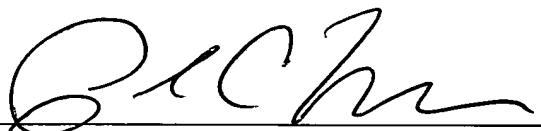
In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472 at (703) 205-8076 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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